

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A pumping device ~~having comprising:~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ a motor arranged in relation to a pumping assembly, the motor having  
a housing and a shaft extending therefrom for rotating an impeller in the  
pumping assembly; ~~and having~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ a motor seal arranged therein between the shaft and the housing; ~~and~~  
~~having~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ a pump seal arranged between the shaft and the pump assembly; ~~and~~,  
~~characterized in that the pumping device further comprises~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ a third seal arranged between the motor seal and the pump seal, and  
further in relation to the shaft for providing additional sealing protection for the  
motor seal.

2. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the  
pumping device further comprises an adapter arranged between the motor  
housing and the pumping assembly having the third seal arranged thereon.

3. (Currently amended) A pumping device according to claim 2,  
wherein the third seal is located on the motor end of a the close coupled  
adapter and is a primary sealing device.

4. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third  
seal is a labyrinth seal.

5. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a magnetic seal.

6. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a lip seal.

7. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a non-contact seal.

8. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/centrifugal pump.

9. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/positive displacement pump.

10. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the adapter is a close coupled adapter.

11. (Currently amended) A pumping device ~~having~~ comprising:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a motor arranged in relation to a pumping assembly, the motor having  
a housing and a shaft extending therefrom for rotating an impeller in the  
pumping assembly; ~~and having~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ a motor seal arranged therein between the shaft and the housing; ~~and~~  
~~having~~

\_\_\_\_\_ a pump seal arranged between the shaft and the pump assembly; and,  
~~characterized in that the pumping device further comprises~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ an adapter arranged between the motor housing and the pumping  
assembly having a third seal arranged in relation to the shaft for providing  
additional sealing protection for the motor seal.

12. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the  
third seal is a labyrinth seal.

13. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the  
third seal is a magnetic seal.

14. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the  
third seal is a lip seal.

15. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the  
third seal is a non-contact seal.

16. (Currently amended) A pumping device according to claim 11,  
wherein the third seal is located on the motor end of an ~~the~~ close coupled  
adapter and is a primary sealing device.

17. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the  
pumping device is a close coupled motor/centrifugal pump.

18. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/positive displacement pump.

19. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the adapter is a close coupled adapter.